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Dear Administrator McCarthy and Dr. Hedman:

WaterLegacy is a non-profit organization founded to protect Minnesota water resources and the communities that rely on them. We are concerned about mining proposals in the Lake Superior Basin that may affect regional ecological, human health and tribal concerns as well as set precedent for Minnesota projects.

Attached with this email, please find our letter in support of efforts by the Six Bands of the Anishinaabeg Territory Watersheds and Waters of Lake Superior to engage the United States Environmental Protection Agency early in a process to protect water resources that would be impaired were the potential Gogebic Taconite (GTAC) mine to be approved in the Bad River Watershed.

Particularly in a state which seems to be indifferent to protecting water quality and tribal resources, WaterLegacy believes it is imperative that the EPA fulfill its obligations under the Clean Water Act and its fiduciary duties and obligations to prevent environmental injustice as an agent of the United States government.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding WaterLegacy's letter or our concerns.

Sincerely yours,

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